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FM AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

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C O N F I D E N T I A L KHARTOUM 2638

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, PINT, SU, SHUM

SUBJECT: DOMESTIC POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS

REF: KHARTOUM 2580 AND PREVIOUS

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1. SUDANGOV HAS TAKEN THREE MORE STEPS AS IT CONTINUES MOVES TOWARD LIBERALIZING LOCAL POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT. SUNA REPORTS AUG 8 THAT ALL 56 STUDENTS OF KHARTOUM UNIV WHO RECENTLY RELEASED FROM DETENTION HAVE BEEN READMITTED TO THE UNIVERSITY. IT ALSO REPORTS AN ADDITIONAL 108 PRISONERS RELEASED. MORE IMPORTANTLY, NIMEIRI HAS SIGNED QUOTE GENERAL AMNESTY ACT 1977 UNQUOTE.

2. AMNESTY PROVIDES QUOTE GENERAL AMNESTY IS HEREBY TENDERED
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TO ANY SUDANESE WHO ON OR AFTER THE 25TH DAY OF MAY 1969 COMMITTED INSIDE OR OUTSIDE THE SUDAN ANY ILLEGAL ACT OR COMMISSION IN CONNECTION WITH ANY MUTINY OR REBELLION OR SEDITION OR WAGING WAR AGAINST THE STATE OR ATTEMPTING TO WRECK THE CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER OFFENCE UNDER THE STATE SECURITY ACT 1973 OR THE ARMED FORCES ACT 1957 OR CHAPTERS IX, X, XI, XII OF THE PENAL CODE 1974 OR THE SAME

CHAPTERS OF THE PENAL CODE 1925 OR REPUBLICAN ORDER NO. IV. PROVIDED THAT SUCH PERSON CONSENTED TO SUBMIT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE PERMANENT CONSTITUTION OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE SUDAN AND TO ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF NATIONAL UNITY, SOLIDARITY OF THE PEOPLE'S FORCES, FREEDOM, EQUALITY AND JUSTICE PROVIDED THEREIN. AND PROVIDED FURTHER THAT SUCH PERSON ACCEPTED TO RETURN TO THE SUDAN IF HE AS BEEN RESIDING OUTSIDE IT. UNQUOTE.

3. NIMEIRI INDICATED THAT LISTS OF PERSONS TO WHOM AMNESTY APPLIES WILL BE PUBLISHED IN GOVERNMENT GAZETTE. AMNESTY ALSO PROVIDES THAT NO CIVIL OR CRIMINAL ACTION OR OTHER LEGAL PROCEEDINGS, EITHER JUDICIAL OR QUASI-JUDICIAL SHALL BE INSTITUTED AGAINST INDIVIDUALS TO WHOM AMNESTY APPLIES. SIMILARLY, PREVIOUS ACTIONS AND LEGAL PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THEM SHALL BE NULL AND VOID. AMNESTY WAS SIGNED AUGUST 7. END UNCLASSIFIED

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4. COMMENT: WITH ANNOUNCEMENT OF AMNESTY, STAGE APPEARS TO BE SET FOR RETURN SADIQ AL-MAHDI AND OTHER TRADITIONAL OPPONENTS OF NIMEIRI REGIME. PRESUMABLY AMNESTY DECREE APPLIES AS WELL TO COMMUNITIES, BUT NOT COMPLETELY CLEAR THAT THEY WILL ACCEPT TERMS OF DECREE WHICH INCLUDE ACCEPTANCE OF MAY REVOLUTION AND ITS CONFIDENTIAL

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INSTITUTIONS. INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT DECREE WORDED IN SUCH WAY THAT IT APPEARS TO NULLIFY BOTH TRADITIONAL JUDICIAL ACTIONS AGAINST OPPOSITION AND THOSE TAKEN BY STATE SECURITY TRIBUNALS. AS WE READ AMNESTY DECREE, IT ALSO NULLIFIES ECONOMIC ACTIONS TAKEN WHICH PRESUMABLY MEANS THAT SADIQ AL-MAHDI AND OTHERS WILL HAVE THEIR PROPERTIES RETURNED TO THEM. THUS, IN EXCHANGE FOR DE FACTO PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPALS OF MAY REVOLUTION, NIMEIRI APPEARS WILLING TO FORGIVE AND FORGET. HE OBVIOUSLY HOPES HE WILL HAVE MADE MAJOR PROGRESS IN ASSURING STABILITY OF HIS REGIME WHILE ALSO LIBERALIZING SUBSTANTIALLY, IF NOT COMPLETELY, POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE IN KHARTOUM. MEMBERS VISITING SURVEY TEAM FOUND ARMY OFFICERS PLEASED BY AMNESTY DECREE. BERGUS

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